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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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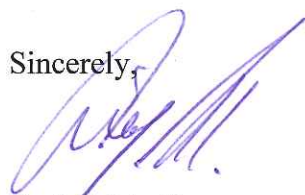
Re: Ashland/Northern States Power Lakefront Site - Settlement Meeting

Dear Messrs. Karg, Yde, Fontaine and Barratta:

I am writing to cancel the meeting on February 7, 2013, between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ"), the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources ("WDNR"), and the recipients of EPA's Special Notice Letter dated April 27, 2011: the Northern States Power Company, a Wisconsin corporation ("NSPW"), the City of Ashland, Wisconsin, the Soo Line Railroad, and Wisconsin Central Ltd.

At this time EPA needs additional time to prepare for the meeting and will reschedule the meeting soon. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but hope the additional time will result in a more productive discussion among the parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig Melodia', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Craig Melodia
Associate Regional Counsel